

Department Of Human Services Information Bulletin

To: Agency Providers, Distribution
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Subject: Changes to requirements regarding Danielle's Law

Effective November 17, 2017, important changes to N.J.A.C. 10:42A, "Life-Threatening Emergencies", (Danielle's Law) were adopted. The Office of Licensing provides the following clarification regarding the revised requirements for staff training on Life-Threatening Emergencies for agencies licensed and regulated under N.J.A.C. 10:44A and N.J.A.C. 10:44C.

Background

The standards for *Community Residences for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities*, N.J.A.C. 10:44A, and for *Community Residences for Persons with Head Injuries*, N.J.A.C. 10:44C, both require at 2.6(a)4 that all staff be oriented to emergency procedures, therefore including the requirement to call 9-1-1 in the event of a Life-Threatening Emergency.

Guidelines

The Office of Licensing now requires documentation that all staff have been trained in Danielle's Law, through a curriculum offered by the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

The requirement that staff receive this training prior to working with individuals served remains.

The Office of Licensing no longer requires the maintenance of a separate agency policy and procedure for Danielle's Law, or documentation of staff training in a separate agency policy and procedure.

Be advised that procedural steps requiring that staff call 9-1-1 in the event of a life-threatening emergency must be maintained, either in the continuance of the separate policy, or as a component of the procedure for handling medical emergencies required at 2.2(b)4.

The licensing standards N.J.A.C. 10:44A, N.J.A.C. 10:44B and N.J.A.C. 10:44C are available at the Department of Human services Office of Licensing website at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ool/licensing>